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PROPAGATION FORECAST: Jan. 18, Low Normal; Jan. 19, High/Above Normal; Jan. 20, 21, High Normal; Jan. 22, High/Low Normal; Jan. 23, Low Normal; Jan. 24, Low/Below Normal; Jan. 25, Below Normal; Jan. 26, 27, 28, Low Normal. TNX N4XX.

LORD HOWE AND NORFOLK ISLAND: Karl Geng, DL2AA (who lives in Medway, Massachusetts) is 95% sure of the following: he will operate from Lord Howe for a couple of days beginning Jan. 27, signing VK8GK/LH. Afterward he will make a try for Norfolk Island VK9. QSL manager will be DJ9ZB (see address on page three). Karl will use the normal frequencies with emphasis on CW.

KINGMAN REEF AND PALMYRA expedition ended and all are back home, except Jan Gould, WA6YQW, who remains hospitalized in Honolulu. Unfortunately, the airplane crash upon landing on Palmyra at the start was not the end of the misfortunes which plagued this operation.

Dave Gardner, K6LPL, who is a neurosurgeon, fell on Palmyra, cutting his left hand on glass. The Kingman group returned by boat to Palmyra, whereupon the entire group was evacuated by Coast Guard to Honolulu. Four hours of microsurgery there left K6LPL's hand and arm in a cast, with the prospect of two more operations to restore his hand to normal. He is now home in Beverly Hills.

48 hours' of operation from Kingman Reef by WA2FIJ/KH5K resulted in some 5,000 contacts; the Palmyra group, led by K6LPL, made about 17,000 QSOs.

The complete address for Jan Gould, who will be hospitalized for some time, is: Ward 43, Tripler Army Hospital, Honolulu, HI 96859. Last week's Bulletin has additional information on her serious injuries, which included multiple broken bones.

Dave Gardner, K6LPL, supposedly not a "contest style operator," made 9,000 contacts himself from Palmyra.

YASME operation by W6QL and W6KG has moved from J6LOO, St. Lucia, to Martinique FM7, where they hope to obtain permission from France to operate. As J6LOO, the Colvins made 9,000 contacts with amateurs in 130 countries. On 160, they worked all US call areas for the first time while operating from that part of the world. They repaired rigs for two local amateurs, J6LHV and J6LIM. Good work!

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The query about last September's 3V8ONU operations brought notes and photocopies of the QSL from about two dozen of you. All had come via IQAMU.

8Z4A cards are now coming out from WA3HUP and they are reportedly FB.

HK9BKK now has a new QSL manager, WB4QFH, W. Wilson, PO BOX 1139, W. Palm Beach, FL 33402.

W7CNL sent a very nice activity report form, by Mailgram. His last reported contact was January 14, and we got the Mailgram on the 15th! A good idea, Jack.

Speaking of the US Postal Service, we are all victims of it. We have been kicking around various ways in which the subscription rates for *The DX Bulletin* can be reduced. The most obvious would be to go to Second Class (Newspaper) mail, which is what the West Coast DX Bulletin used the last few years of its long run. Ever wonder why your *Wall Street Journal* is always on time, seemingly arriving with the ink still wet? Well, it is printed at various plants around the country, having been sent by satellite from New York. But it also receives what the USPS calls "red tag" handling, as do *Time* magazine and some others. Some publishers have been complaining that they bear too great a share of the burden of postal expense, but the courts recently ruled in favor of the Postal Rate Commission. Since there is no way a weekly publication of only 2,000 is going to get any sort of preferential treatment we will stick to First Class mailing. We do pre-sort the mailing by Zip Codes to help out the local postal workers.

ARRL's DX Advisory Committee has some new members, appointed recently by President Dannals and reported in *HR Report*: the entire Committee is W1OT, W2QM, W3ZN, N4MM, K5YY (Chairman), N6RJ, K7LAY, WB8EUN, N9MM, W0SR and VE3QA. W4UG remains Board Liaison and W3AZD remains Headquarters liaison.

OH6JW writes that he is on 3789 from 1310 to 1430 with other Scandinavians, working long path to the US West Coast. Antti has a new delta loop up by now, a two element affair which should be working better than the single loop he used before. Antti reports still needing several unspecified western states on the low bands to complete 5 band WAS, and he still needs 5 zones on 40 and 9 on 80 to finish 5 band WAZ.

Minamitorishima and Ogasawara operations by JA7JT are finished. They went as follows: Ogasawara Dec. 13, 1978 to May 10, 1979, and again Aug. 23, 1979 to Dec. 14, 1979, for 9435 total QSOs. In between these two stints, the operation was JA7JT/JD1 from Minamitorishima, May 17 to Aug. 22, 1979. for 3570 total contacts, broken down as 628 North America, 30 South America, 49 Oceania, 444 Europe, 14 Africa, and 2,405 in Japan.

VQ9JJ will be leaving the Chagos at the end of March. Jim will be spending his time around 14280 and 21360 until then, working as many General Class licensees as possible. He is still talking about another Cocos-Keeling operation in March.

A note from Franz Langer, DJ9ZB, said he would be on from the Canary Islands January 4-10. No Bandpass reports have shown him but if you worked him and need a card it goes to Carl Kistner-Strabe 19, D-7800 Freiburg i. Br., W. Germany.

According to its January bulletin, the Southern California DX Club has 240 members! They will elect officers shortly.

The Southern Michigan DX Contesters have finalized their plans for operations from St. Kitts VP2K in the ARRL Phone Contest. They were at VP2DXC last year and came in second. Signed up for this year are WB8LDH, W8UVZ, N8SW and N8CC.

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BANDPASS: Call/Freq./Time (+West, Central, East Coast)/Day of Month. *-Long Path.

Low Bands
 FK8CR/3796/09W/9 HB9AHA/7242/08W/6 VK6HD/1803/13W/2
 DJ0IE/3796/02C/6 G3SZA/1828/06W/6 JA2GQO/1912/12W/2 3B8CF/7003*/15W/7
 EI6S/7243/02W/6 GI4CFQ/3796/02C/6 JH6UNR/1909/15W/1
 F6ARC/3777/07W/6 GW3AX/3798/08W/7 VE3BVD/ST2/7002/05W/9

Africa

C5acg/14218/00E/5 VE3BVC/ST2/14201/02C/9 TR8JCV/14205/23C/4 5T5JD/14255/00C/6
 D4CBC/14245/02W/13 VE3BVD/ST2/14026/04W/6 ZD7AL/14220/21C/5 6W8AR/28749/14E/7
 VQ9KK/14038/03W/13 VE3BVD/ST2/14027/00W/9 3B8CF/14027/03W/11 6W8AR/21355/18C/10
 EA8QE/14046/03C/12 WA7JRL/SU/21035/12E/4 3B8CJ/14205/18W/13 7X2AJ/28594/13C/1
 VE3BVD/ST2/14026/00C/9 TR8DX/14262/07C/6 3D6BP/14211/04E/9 7Z2AP/14227*/16W/13
 5R8RC/14256/03W/14 9Q5GB/21320/20C/10

Asia

HM1DC/14026/13C/12 UI8ZAC/28582/13E/8 VU2UH/14031/03W/12
 AP2HJ/14241*/15W/6 HS1ABD/14200/02C/6 UM8MAM/14028/02C/9 VU2YY/14202/13E/9
 AP5HQ/14266/14C/5 HS1AIV/14200/02C/6 UM8MAM/14029/03W/11 YB3AG/14305/05C/5
 A4XIK/14227*/16W/13 HZ1AB/14202*/15W/6 VS6GY/14026/15C/7 9M2FR/21344/00E/11
 A7XAH/14231/13E/7 HZ1TA/14255/02C/7 VU2BK/14053/02W/12 9V1TL/28038/01W/2
 A7XA/14265/13C/6 TA2KS/14222*/16W/13 VU2KMK/14028/02C/9 9V1TX/14210/00C/6
 A7XA/14265/14C/6 UF6FER/28514/12E/8 VU2RMS/14222/12E/9
 DU6RH/14026/14C/8 UH8EAD/14034/05W/12 VU2RX/28575/15E/8

Europe

SV1JX/14062*/16W/12 UA1PAL/14026/21W/5
 GD4HOO/21355/20C/10 SV1JG/28595/14E/6 (F.J.L.)
 JW7FD/28595/23E/7 (/SV5 Dode.) ZB2EO/28005/17E/5
 JX9WT/14195/04C/7 SV1DC/5/28592/15E/6 ZC4MT/14224*/16W/12
 M1C/28595/15E/8 SV1DC/5/28699/17C/6 9H1CH/21309/13E/9

Oceania

VK6SM(Zone 29)/14026/14C/12 VK0JC/14035/16W/5

Elsewhere

FH8CL/14222*/16W/6
 CO5DM/14026/01C/11 PJ4CR/14202/02C/5 VP8QG/14202/04E/9
 CX5RV/21028/19C/5 TF3YH/14216/05E/7 VP8WA/14223/02C/6
 FB8XY/14207/13C/6 TF3JW/21029/22C/5 4U1UN/14026/17C/12
 FG7XA/14211/02C/5 TG9ML/28035/23W/1 8P6JH/21325/23E/10

Notes on Bandpass: The Europeans listed on 40 Meters show frequencies above 7200; our correspondent should have given their frequencies, not his. Europeans transmit phone on 40 between 7070 and 7095 more or less, and they specify listening frequencies above 7150. ZC4MT shown on 20 Meters would be the first ZC4 in some time, Cyprus having switched to the 5B4 prefix some time ago. SV1JG and SV1DC sneaked one in on us, operating from the Dodecanese around the sixth of the month. They are talking about Mt. Athos in the future, possibly March.

Taiwan: The new telephone answering service just paid for itself. Tim Chen, signing BV2A, was on 28530 CW on Saturday evening, January 12 at 2300. That is one of his authorized frequencies and one to watch. Tim uses BV2B on SSB. A Taiwan contact is needed by many, especially along the East Coast of the US. We have never even heard him here, much less worked him.

Iceland: Richard Pierce, K3MWV, worked TF3SG on 8 Jan. on 6 Meters...50.108, at 1535. It is really a terrible shame we will pass through this sunspot peak with basically no Europeans having 6 Meter privileges.

CALENDAR

160 Meter Contest
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Tropical Hamboree
French Contest
International DX Contest
Antigua
International DX Contest
St. Kitts

73 Magazine Phone contest, details Dec. 73 ; 19-20 Jan.
CQ Contest, 25-26 Jan.
26-27 Jan., Miami, with DX meeting
REF sponsored, CW, 26-27 Jan.
By ARRL, CW, 16-17 Feb.
By K3OMI and friends, 27 Feb. ~ 4 Mar.
By ARRL, Phone, 1-2 Mar.
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Lord Howe and Norfolk

See Page 1, this issue, by DL2AA, Jan. 27 start.

STOP PRESS: N4HX/TT8 QSLs now being officially accepted by DXCC, Newington.

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K9QVB, W9SC, K8ILO, W8GZX, W0BW, W9MCR, KP4EQF, WA4IKZ, WA2PHA, W2CNQ, W4PTT,
W2HAZ, WA3DMH, WA1WTP, K3MWV, K9XJ, WA1YTC, W90BF.

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